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Building an Active Force for Democracy

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CivicGood needs you: build an active force for democracy before the midterms

Twenty-four people have joined CivicGood so far. I am grateful for every one of you. But in a community of roughly 2,400 residents—and with friends, families, faith communities, former colleagues, and other retirement communities beyond Riderwood—24 is only a beginning.

The country is in danger

We are witnessing the normalization of lies, cruelty, political intimidation, attacks on democratic institutions, and the deliberate turning of Americans against one another. Project 2025, Agenda47, and the MAGA political movement are not subjects for detached observation. They raise urgent questions about democratic accountability, the rule of law, civil rights, the safety of vulnerable people, and the future our children and grandchildren will inherit.

CivicGood must not become a place where we exchange anxious messages, agree that things are bad, and then do nothing. It must become an informed, respectful, email-based civic action network: a place where people learn the facts, discuss them honestly, choose practical actions, and act together.

We organize around four commitments:

1. Make lying wrong again.
2. Make America think again.
3. Make humans matter again.
4. Make people care again.

These are not slogans to admire. They are standards by which we should decide what to read, what to share, what to challenge, and what to do.

What we need now

CivicGood needs many more active participants—at Riderwood and beyond. Please help us grow in a personal, concrete way:

- Invite friends and family members who care about democracy, truth, decency, and civic responsibility.
- Forward this invitation to residents of other CCRCs, congregations, clubs, neighborhood groups, alumni networks, and former workplaces.
- Ask one person—not merely "everyone"—to join and participate.
- Suggest organizations with which CivicGood might cooperate or exchange information.
- Bring us reliable sources, local and national opportunities for civic engagement, letters to write, calls to make, meetings to

attend remotely, voter-information projects, and ways to support lawful democratic participation.

- Tell us what you can contribute: research, writing, editing, outreach, technology help, moderation, connections, or simply a willingness to take an action when the group agrees.

Many of us cannot demonstrate, travel easily, or meet face-to-face. That does not make us powerless. We can research, write, call, email, donate, recruit, vote, encourage younger people, support trustworthy institutions, and use our experience to help others see clearly. A well-organized online group can turn concern into sustained civic influence.

We also need leadership

No durable group depends on one person. CivicGood needs people willing to help guide discussions, welcome new members, verify information, organize action ideas, and keep the group focused on results. If you have leadership experience—or know someone with energy, judgment, and the ability to bring people together—please speak up. We are looking for partners, not spectators.

We will respect one another. We will welcome thoughtful disagreement grounded in facts and human decency. But we will not be silent, vague, passive, or neutral while democracy and human dignity are under assault.

The midterm elections will not be won by worry alone. They will be shaped by whether citizens organize early, share reliable information, persuade respectfully, defend the vote, and stay engaged. CivicGood can help—but only if it grows from a small listserv into a living network of people prepared to act.

Please join CivicGood, invite others, and send your ideas for action and affiliation. Join here: **https://groups.io/g/CivicGood**